GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1423
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2006
UNIFORM CIVIL CODE
Rawale Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court of India in its judgment had inter-alia asked the Goverment to give a fresh look at article 44 of the Constitution of India and to secure Uniform Civil Code for the Citizens of India ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regarg ;

(d) whether the Government proposes to bring a legislation for securing Uniform Civil Code in the country ;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Supreme Court of India in its judgement delivered on the 21st July, 2003 in the matter of John Vallamattom Vs. Union of India and Ann[2003 (5) SCALE 384] has made certain observations in respect of enactment of Uniform Civil Code.

(c) and (d) At present there is no specific proposal for undertaking a legislation in this regard.

(e) Does not arise in view of the answer at (c)&(d) above

(f) Bringing in a Uniform Civil Code involves changes in the Personal Laws including those of the minority communities. It has been the consistent policy of the Central Government not to interfere in the Personal Laws of the minority communities unless the necessary initiatives for such changes come from a sizeable cross-section of such communities themselves.